

HOUSE BILL No. 5649

February 27, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Hertel, Elder, Pagan, Zemke, Moss, Gay-Dagnogo, Sabo and Chirkun and referred to the Committee on Education Reform.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1166 (MCL 380.1166), as amended by 2016 PA 391,
and by adding section 1166a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1166. (1) In all public and nonpublic schools in this
2 state regular courses of instruction shall be given in the
3 constitution of the United States, in the constitution of Michigan,
4 and in the history and present form of government of the United
5 States, Michigan, and its political subdivisions. Instruction shall
6 begin not later than the opening of the eighth grade, or its
7 equivalent, except in schools maintaining a junior high school, in
8 which case it may begin in the ninth grade.

1 (2) A high school in this state shall require a 1-semester
2 course of study of 5 periods per week in civics. The course shall
3 include the form and functions of the federal, state, and local
4 governments and shall stress the rights and responsibilities of
5 citizens. **BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COURSE SHALL**
6 **ALSO INCLUDE THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION ON BASIC VOTER EDUCATION**
7 **AND TRAINING DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 1166A.** A diploma
8 shall not be issued by a high school to a pupil who has not
9 successfully completed this course. This course requirement is not
10 a graduation requirement for a high school pupil who has enlisted
11 or been inducted into military service.

12 (3) By not later than May 1, 2018 or the next update of the
13 state curriculum content standards after ~~the effective date of this~~
14 ~~subsection,~~ **MARCH 29, 2017,** whichever occurs first, the state board
15 shall revise the state curriculum content standards for high school
16 social studies to ensure that those content standards cover the
17 same content as covered by the 100 questions on the civics portion
18 of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship
19 and Immigration Services as of December 1, 2016.

20 (4) Beginning with the first state high school social studies
21 assessment administered after the state academic curriculum content
22 standards are revised as required under subsection (3), the
23 superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the high
24 school social studies assessment includes questions related to the
25 learning objectives in the state curriculum standards for high
26 school social studies as revised under subsection (3).

27 (5) As used in this section, "state curriculum content

1 standards" means the state board recommended model curriculum
2 content standards developed and periodically updated under section
3 1278.

4 SEC. 1166A. (1) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT
5 SHALL DEVELOP OR ADOPT, AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS, A MODEL
6 PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 8 TO 12 ON BASIC VOTER
7 EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

8 (2) THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, INSTRUCTION ON
10 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (A) VOTER IDENTIFICATION LAWS.

12 (B) VOTER REGISTRATION.

13 (C) THE VOTING PROCESS.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
15 after the date it is enacted into law.